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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshitada OSHIDA *et al.*
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in the above-identified Request for Continued Examination, and further to the Amendment filed 21 April 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.